

REMARKS

The office action of April 28, 2011, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 10-13, 16, 17, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 9-17 and 19-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) over WO 03078761 to Pervan et al.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Pervan et al. in view of the patent application of Miller.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Pervan et al. in view of the patent to Milborn.

In view of the Examiner's rejections of the claims, applicant has amended claims 1, 10-13, 16, 17, 20 and 21, and added new claim 23.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter

which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims to address the instances of indefiniteness pointed out by the Examiner.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 10-13, 17, 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph are overcome and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently on file differ essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous manner from the constructions disclosed in the references.

Turning now to the references, it can be seen that Pervan et al. disclose floorboards with decorative grooves. Applicant submits that Pervan et al. do not disclose a building component having an intermediate layer formed as one piece with a bordering, as in the presently claimed invention. In Pervan et al. the bordering and the intermediate layer are not one piece, as in the present invention. Furthermore, the core layer 30 and the thin layer 36a of Pervan et al. could not be formed by foaming or spraying material onto respective adjacent layers on a molding cavity of a tool to connect the respective adjacent layers by the intermediate layer thus formed. Thus, Pervan et al. do not

anticipate the presently claimed invention.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 9-17 and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) over the above-discussed reference is overcome and should be withdrawn.

The Miller and Milborn references have also been considered. Applicant submits that neither of these references adds anything to the teachings of Pervan et al. so as to suggest the presently claimed invention as discussed above. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 8 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are overcome and should be withdrawn.

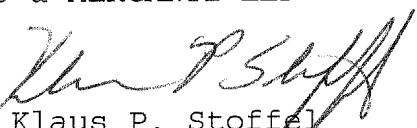
Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 02-2275.

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